

EMIC: Graduate Student Interest Group For Expressive Culture

Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

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ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

EMIC exists as a scholarly and social interest group for students involved in the study of expressive culture at The Ohio State University. Our organization is historically rooted in ethnographic research. Our primary activities include sponsoring speakers and performers, supporting research in expressive culture, and facilitating collaboration among scholars and practitioners. As researchers, educators, artists, performers, and cultural workers, we aim to promote critical engagement with music, sound, and expressive culture and to facilitate inter-departmental and community collaborations at OSU and beyond.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

EMIC: Graduate Student Interest Group For Expressive Culture *agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with the Student Organization Registration Guidelines.*

Section B. Hazing

EMIC: Graduate Student Interest Group For Expressive Culture *agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.*

Section C. Bylaws

EMIC: Graduate Student Interest Group For Expressive Culture *retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in the previous articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws*

shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

All voting members of EMIC must be graduate students enrolled at the Ohio State University. Alumni and faculty are welcome to participate as non-voting members.

Section B. Member Selection

Members are selected based on interest in the study of expressive cultures. Graduate students interested in membership in EMIC should contact an officer of the organization to learn more about organization meetings and opportunities.

Section C. Membership Timeline

New members can join EMIC at any point in the semester.

Section D. Member Removal

Members who fail to adhere to or uphold the organization's constitution or by-laws or who violate the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law will be prohibited from participating in the organization.

ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The Advisor must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. In addition to completing biannual training at the Ohio Union, the Advisor shall serve as a sounding board for questions from the officers. The Advisor may be asked to facilitate contact with potential speakers or other guests.

Section B. Advisor Term

The Advisor can hold the position for as many consecutive semesters as desired.

Section C. Advisor Selection

Potential Advisors will be identified and offered the role by current officers of EMIC.

Section D. Advisor Replacement

Should an Advisor leave their faculty/staff position at Ohio State or decide to resign from their duties as Advisor, EMIC officers will identify and offer the role to another faculty or staff member.

ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Section A. Officer Positions

The President manages the group's membership roster and runs regular meetings of the membership. The Vice President runs all meetings in the President's absence, as well as managing the calendar of events.

The Treasurer has the duty to request, track, and budget organization funding.

The Secretary shall record and distribute minutes of each meeting.

The Public Relations Officer shall act as a liaison between EMIC and academic departments on campus, as well as to facilitate communications with visiting speakers.

Section B. Officer Eligibility

All officers must have been members of EMIC for a minimum of one academic year prior to the beginning of the term of office. The Treasurer must be in residence in Ohio for the entire academic year; therefore, students who will abroad for field research or archival work for any portion of the academic year (excepting summers) shall not be eligible.

Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officers should be selected based upon availability and previous involvement in the group. All officer roles shall be recommended by previous offices or members and elected by the membership. Each officer shall serve for a term of at least one year.

Section D. Officer Removal

Any officer may only be removed from office before the end of the term by a 2/3 vote of the membership. In the event that a member shall become ineligible to serve as Treasurer due to residence, a replacement shall be elected from the membership.

ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

Section A. Dissolution Requirements

Officers will discuss dissolution if student interest diminishes more than one consecutive academic year. If dissolution is considered a viable option, the officers will propose dissolution to remaining membership. Dissolution will be voted upon and require a two-thirds vote to proceed.

Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Once any outstanding debts are paid from the organization accounts, remaining funding will be returned to the Ohio Union.

ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendment Process

Proposed amendments to the constitution should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, and should be read again at two subsequent general meetings

and at the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval of amendments requires at least a two-thirds vote, with a simple majority of voting members in attendance.